

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AN EXCITING DISCUSSION OVER THE SCHOOL FUND BILL.

Some Striking and Interesting Facts—The Republican Caucus Yesterday—The Mason Investigation—Mr. Piddock Not to Appear—General Matters.

Hartford, June 20.—The liveliest fight that has taken place during the present session of the legislature was precipitated in the house of representatives to-day, when the bill relating to the school fund was again taken up. There was a long discussion over the bill yesterday afternoon and it was resumed this morning at 11 o'clock, it having been assigned as the special order.

Mr. Newton of Wallingford, chairman of the committee on the school fund, which has given the matter much consideration, made a long speech yesterday in favor of the majority report and resumed the debate in a clear and convincing speech to-day. The bill was introduced by Representative Charles of Wallingford and provides for the conversion of the school fund into the reduction of the state debt, the state to issue 6 per cent. bonds as security for the fund. The committee reported against the bill, but a minority report was also reported.

The bill in full is as follows: Section 1—The office of the school fund commissioner is hereby abolished, and section 349 of the general statutes is hereby repealed. Section 2—All the duties and powers now conferred by law upon the school fund commissioner, shall hereafter, so far as necessary in the care of the property of the school fund, devolve upon and be exercised by the treasurer of the state of Connecticut, who shall keep a separate financial account of the fund known as the school fund.

Section 3—The treasurer shall convert all the property of every kind now belonging to the school fund into money as soon as the same can be done without detriment to the fund, and the treasurer and comptroller shall ascertain the amount of the principal of said fund on July 1, 1895, and shall thereupon issue a debenture or debentures of the state of Connecticut, signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the comptroller, reciting in substance that the state of Connecticut holds the amount of said fund, giving the amount as ascertained aforesaid, to and for the use and benefit of the school fund of said state and will pay interest thereon at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, into the treasury of the state for the uses and purposes of said fund.

Section 4—The whole of said interest so paid shall be from time to time divided and distributed to and among the several towns of the state in the manner now provided by law, and all expenses connected with said fund shall be paid by the state.

Section 5—The debentures or debentures issued as aforesaid shall be registered in the office of the comptroller, and a duplicate thereof kept on file in his office.

Section 6—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7—This act shall take effect from its passage.

As stated above, the committee reported unfavorably after an exhaustive hearing.

The first speaker was Mr. Gillette of Haddam. He favored the bill and said: "Most of our loans under this fund are on farm properties in Ohio, and these values are very uncertain and involve the danger of loss to the fund. The person who expects to get a high time of interest on this money in these times is liable to be disappointed, if he places his savings on questionable securities. In 1891 the value of the fund was \$2,049,000. Since that time the state has appropriated \$78,000 to make the losses good, and the entire shrinkage is over \$100,000. The fund to-day is only \$2,011,000. We have lost more by the designs of unprincipled persons than by depletion or depreciation of values. Just so long as we desire to secure a high rate of interest we shall continue to secure a lower standard for our investment. The fund is a sacred monument to be protected from the raids of designing rascals. Therefore, I move that the minority report be substituted for that of the majority."

Mr. Newton of Wallingford, chairman of the committee on the school fund, favored the majority report. He said: "My friend has admitted that the fund has been honestly managed and that the losses to the fund have been about \$114,000. On the face of it the fund is about \$65,000 short, and yet the increased valuation of stocks would go a great ways to wipe out the whole deficiency. Even if there had been a shrinkage it would not be well to change the present direction of the fund. James G. Batterson said he was surprised there was any element in the legislature who would propose such a frivolous investment of the fund. Gentlemen, there is no deception underlying this thing, but I cannot fathom it, but I am sure there is a colored individual in the wood pile. I hope the bill will be rejected."

Mr. Gunn of Milford—"I am somewhat surprised to hear Mr. Newton ascribing any ulterior motives to the honorable gentlemen who came before the committee in favor of the bill. Such an attack made on these gentlemen is unequalled for. This bill strikes me as a business transaction. No fund can be invested without some losses should accrue."

Mr. Newton of Wallingford said that \$10,000 was not a large amount to be used annually in caring for such a large fund. If the change was made, and instead of paying \$10,000 a year for caring for the fund \$60,000 was paid in interest on the fund, there would be a great loss to the state. The real loss to the state would be \$120,000 per year if bonds were issued they would not be permanent, but would be gradually taken up.

Mr. Clark of Haddam favored the minority report in favor of reinvesting the fund. Mr. Clark said there were some who valued the fund at over \$1,500,000. He urged the passage of the bill. It was a first-class business proposition.

Mr. Judson of Stratford—I believe that this attack has been made to throw discredit upon the republican administration of this fund. This bill would be to make the people borrow at a rate of interest greater than would be required to go into the markets and raise money.

There is no good business judgment underlying this proposition. The argument of the gentleman from Wallingford is simply unimpeachable. The difference between paying the 6 per cent. on this fund that the state would be required to do under the bill and that of the state going into the market and borrowing at 3 per cent. is \$60,000. Now deduct the \$10,000 it costs to run this fund, and the net loss each year is \$50,000.

Mr. Gunn of Milford—I do not believe that this bill in any way reflects upon the present commissioner. It is immaterial to me, as a democrat, who you nominate for commissioner. Whoever it will be liable to errors of judgment. But if you invest this fund in the state you will make no loss whatever, for you will have every house and farm in the state pledged to its security. This is not a question of politics. You are proposing to reflect upon the name of the present commissioner when under fire and suggesting a new commissioner. It is not fair that this style of logic should be used.

Mr. Marsh of Bridgeport—This fund has been managed for 100 years and I think it is remarkable that it has been kept together so well. This school fund is to be kept perpetually. It is unwise to call this in. If you issue your state debentures at 6 per cent. the state will be continually pledged to the interest. That fund ought to be kept intact.

Mr. Mills of Middletown opposed the report and said there could be no better proposition than to use the fund in paying the state debt.

Mr. Judson of Stratford said the losses to the school fund had been \$78,000 in thirty-five years. Under the proposed bill the losses would be \$48,000 per year to the state. The constitution forbids us from taking that money and investing it in the debt of the state. We should reject the minority report.

At 1 o'clock the vote on the main question was ordered and Mr. Newton was allowed a brief time to close the debate. He believed the state had reached rock bottom and instead of there being losses in the future the value of the securities would enhance very soon. In Ohio these investments had been made on fertile farms and in the corn belt. "I appeal to your patriotism to preserve this fund."

The question of substituting the report of the minority for that of the majority was voted on. The minority report provides for collecting the investments as rapidly as possible and paying off the state debt. The minority report was voted on. There was a question on the vote, which was very close, and another rising vote was ordered.

There was more trouble in taking the vote in two sections, and another vote was asked for. The speaker said that under the circumstances it would be desirable, in placing the result beyond a doubt, to have a yeas and nays vote. On this question 43 yeas and such a vote was ordered. The speaker ordered the doors to be kept closed and allowing no member to leave the hall while the vote was being taken.

Mr. Judson said a number had already left and he moved a recess. The speaker said the house had ordered the vote and it would be taken.

The vote was taken, requiring a delay of nearly thirty-five minutes. It resulted in the rejection of the amendment by a vote of 91 to 103.

Mr. Judson moved to reconsider, but the motion was lost.

A yeas and nays vote was then ordered on the acceptance of the majority report and it was carried by a large majority. This leaves the present investment intact.

The vote of the representatives from New Haven county on the acceptance of the minority report was as follows: Yeas—Whitely, Terrill, Sheldon, Wood, George, Smith, Dudley, Gunn, Russell, Talmadge.

Nays—H. G. Newton, Elliott, Powell, Hall, Peck, Warner, Gerald, Downer, Munger, Page, Little, Tucker, Twitchell, Linsley, Eaton, Sanford, Mitchell, W. H. Newton, Hongh, Bailey and Hitchcock.

A motion to hold an evening session resulted in a vote of 60 in favor and 61 against and the house was then adjourned on the showing of a lack of a quorum until Friday at 10:30 a. m.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS. There was a largely attended caucus of the republican senators and representatives held in the hall of the house this morning at 10:30. Senator Ferris of South Norwalk presided. The meeting was in the matter of the nomination of a school fund commissioner to succeed Commissioner Olney. Senator Dayton of Derby protested against holding the caucus this morning, and at an hour when it was not convenient for the New Haven county members to be present. He favored postponement until some time next week.

It was finally voted to hold the caucus next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The candidates include Herbert E. Benton of New Haven, chairman of the republican state central committee; ex-Bank Commissioner Griswold of Guilford, and Commissioner Olney. Mr. Benton, it is believed, is in the lead in the race.

THE MASON INVESTIGATION. A letter has been written by Rev. C. A. Piddock of this city, editor of the Christian Secretary, to Senator Palmer, secretary of the Mason investigating committee, to the effect that he will not appear before the committee Monday, and that he has no witnesses to name, nor any evidence to produce to prove bribery or corruption on the part of the senators. The investigation will, therefore, probably end and there will be no hearing Monday.

SENATE. The senate concurred with the house in the rejection of the bill concerning discrimination against and blacklisting of employees by employers.

The senate amended the bill concerning registrars of voters. It was passed in the house and provided that no registrar, deputy or assistant, should be interested directly or indirectly in the sale of intoxicating liquors. The senate amended it so as to read that no registrars of voters shall not hold any of their sessions now required by law in any building where intoxicating liquors are sold or kept for sale.

Adjourned until Tuesday at 12:30 p. m.

THE HOUSE. The house concurred with the senate in repealing the special act establishing a state normal school at Bridgeport. The people of that city do not wish the school and the house repealed the act.

An unfavorable report was made on the resolution making an appropriation for the American School for the Deaf and Dumb in this city.

The petition of the Anna Warner Bailey chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, for the adoption of a state flag, was rejected in concurrence.

The bill concerning abduction was considered. An amendment was offered to strike out the words "under 21 years" and "unmarried." The amendment was carried in concurrence and the bill passed.

The bill concerning age of consent was explained by Mr. Cowell of the committee of conference. The house fixed the age at 18 years and yesterday the senate insisted on making the age 16 years. Mr. Cowell moved that the house insist on its former action, as the committee had been unable to agree. Finally the house moved to make the age 18 years, concurring with the senate.

Adjourned until Friday at 10:30 a. m.

COURT RECORD. Superior Court—Civil Side—Judge S. O. Prentice. Yesterday was the last regular trial day for the term in this court, and considerable business was transacted. The suit of Sargent & Co. against ex-Tax Collector Theodore A. Tuttle, to compel him to remove a lien put on the plaintiff's property to secure a sewer assessment laid in 1873, was by agreement of counsel taken to the supreme court on a reservation.

THE WALLACE & SONS' PROPERTY. J. C. Jackson and wife of Ansonia, stockholders in Wallace & Sons, have retained ex-Judge Henry Stoddard to bring an injunction to restrain Messrs. Thompson, Hayne and Jacobs, trustees of the property, from selling the plant on June 27.

THE JOHN H. WHITING APPEAL. John H. Whiting's appeal from probate in relation to the will of his grandmother, Mary Ann Beers, was set down for a hearing yesterday. The appellant failed to put in an appearance and Judge Prentice sustained the ruling of the probate court, which upheld the distribution of the property of the testatrix according to the clause in her will. According to the will the appellant was not to participate in the distribution of the property unless he paid back \$6,000 which she had loaned him. As he failed to comply with this provision, and his appeal being decided against him, Whiting's share of the estate will go to his two children by his first wife. After the case was disposed of Attorney Wells appeared before Judge Prentice and asked that it be reopened. He explained that H. G. Newton, counsel for Whiting, was out of the city. Judge Prentice declined to reopen the case, but said he would entertain a motion to do so if made by Mr. Newton.

United States Court—Judge Townsend. In this court yesterday Judge Townsend heard the case of S. M. and Ella Benham of Westport, Conn., against J. R. Castiberry of New York. The suit is one of foreclosure, the property involved being located in Saugatuck, and the amount of the mortgage \$40,000.

At the hearing the defendant was not represented, but it was shown that he had had sufficient notice and Judge Townsend therefore limited the time of redemption to three months from date.

CITY COURT—Criminal Side—Judge Dow. Mary A. Smith, keeping house of ill fame, \$25 fine, appealed to common pleas court; Hugh J. McCabe, burglary, bound over to superior court under \$500 bonds; Henry S. McKenzie, theft (third offense), bound over to the superior court under \$500 bonds; Frederick Root, theft (two cases), continued until June 21; John Roche, theft, \$7 fine, 30 days in jail, \$9.52 costs; James W. Mooney, breach of the peace, continued until June 21; William Gray, breach of the peace, continued until June 21; John P. Harper, George Miller, Hugh Brown, Andrew J. Dixon and Patrick J. McCarthy, vagrancy, 30 days in jail, \$7.54 costs each; Vincenzo Altieri, theft, continued until June 21.

Yacht Club Course. The steamer Continental is going over the yacht club course with the New Haven Yacht club Tuesday. This boat is to be the excursion boat of the New Haven Steamboat company for this season and it has already been chartered by many societies.

FAIR HAVEN. To fill a vacancy in the St. Lawrence Cemetery association, caused by the death of Patrick Doyle of Ferry street, James P. Bree has been elected.

Warden Sizer went to Hartford Wednesday to look out for the consolidation bill now pending in the legislature.

Ferry street at the point where the old Shore Line railroad formerly crossed is being raised two and one-half feet. The tracks of the New Haven Street railway have already been raised and the roadway is now being filled with gravel taken from the corner of Grafton street. It will also be necessary to raise the sidewalks.

The steamer Ivernia, Captain Thompson, took the one hundred and sixty members of the Cottage club to Burns Point for their annual outing Wednesday.

Wednesday evening a little daughter of J. W. Sypher of 34 Townsend avenue fell from a hammock and broke her collar bone. The little girl, who is only four years of age, was attended by Dr. Townsend.

At the St. Andrews' M. E. church last evening a musicale was given for the benefit of the Sunday school library by the Mendelssohn quartet, consisting of Frank Meyer, Thomas Williams, Harry Housie and Charles Urran. They were assisted by Miss Lottie Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Young and Miss Irene Everts, elocutionist. The pianist was Mrs. Carrie Hitchcock.

The Ladies' Home Missionary society connected with the Grand avenue Baptist church held the last prayer meeting of the season at the residence of Mrs. Beebe, 22 Woolsey street, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The topic was "Mexico," and the meeting was in charge of Mrs. A. H. Cargill, the efficient president of the society. Meetings will begin again in September.

HONORED WITH THE PRESIDENCY

The Rev. Frederic W. Perkins of Hartford at Head of State Association.

Hartford, June 20.—At the annual meeting of the State Universalist association, which was held in the Church of the Redeemer this afternoon, the Rev. Frederic W. Perkins, pastor of the church was elected president, succeeding the Rev. F. M. Houghton of Putnam, who has held the position for two years.

The annual sermon was preached Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. T. C. Drury of Stafford. Resolutions were reported this forenoon on the death of the Rev. A. A. Miner of Boston, and they were adopted. The committee consisted of the Revs. S. A. Davis of Hartford, W. A. Stickney of Cromwell, F. M. Houghton of Putnam and F. I. Champlin of Norwich.

Mr. Champlin, who has held the secretaryship of the association for twenty-six years, was re-elected this morning. Two addresses were delivered, one on "Individualism and Fellowship," by the Rev. E. J. Chaffee of Middletown, and the other by the Rev. C. A. Bidwell who discussed "Harmony in Religion."

The session was closed with the benediction by the Rev. S. A. Davis.

The state board of Universalists, which has the expenditure of the funds of the denomination for mission work, held a meeting this afternoon and transacted its regular business. The Rev. W. W. Perkins of Meriden is the president and the Rev. E. M. Grant of Stafford is the secretary of the board.

The meeting of the Woman's Centenary association was held Wednesday, led by Mrs. Manning of Stamford, state president, who gave an account of the general work, which was supplemented by reports from the various local circles.

The young people's meeting Wednesday evening was led by Arthur Brown. Informal addresses were made by several speakers in the line of loyalty and enthusiasm in religion. After this service there was a sermon by the Rev. Harrison Closson on "Heart in Religion."

O. E. S. Chapter of Soror—Fair Haven and West Haven Visitors.

Meriden, June 20.—Meridian chapter, O. E. S., observed their annual Chapter of Soror this evening in Masonic hall, the program prepared being the most complete ever arranged by the chapter. Members of the Eastern Star have been busy all day decorating the hall with choice flowers and preparing for this evening's exercises. The interior is a credit to their perseverance and good taste.

Visitors are expected from Wallingford, Fair Haven, Saybrook, West Haven and other places.

Wedding Last Evening. A very quiet home wedding took place last evening at the bride's home on York street. The contracting parties were Miss Harriet Trowbridge, daughter of George E. Trowbridge, and Robert Pierpont, Jr., of this city. Only the immediate relatives of the couple were present. Rev. J. E. Twitchell of this city and Rev. John Pierpont of West Cornwall, a brother of the groom, performed the ceremony. After an extended wedding trip they will reside at 67 Elm street in a new house which has just been completed.

TALCOTT VAILL WEDDING. Brilliant Ceremony at the Second Congregational Church, Winsted, Yesterday—New Haven Bridesmaids. Winsted, June 20.—One of the most brilliant weddings of the year occurred here to-day, when Miss Mary Dudley Vaill, daughter of Mrs. Theodore S. Vaill of this city, was married to Chas. Hooker Talcott of Hartford. The ceremony took place in the Second Congregational church, Rev. Dr. Robinson of Stratton, Pa., an uncle of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. Spencer Voorhees, pastor of the church.

The edifice was beautifully decorated with palms and laurel for the occasion. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother, Dudley Langdon Vaill, who gave her away. She was preceded by eight bridesmaids and eight ushers.

The bridesmaids were Miss Farnham and Miss Trowbridge of New Haven, Miss Alice Goodwin of Hartford, Miss Gilman of Yonkers, Miss Perkins of Litchfield, and Miss Marsh, Miss Phelps and Miss Woodford of Winsted. The ushers were George Dudley and Edward Talcott of Worcester, Mass., John H. Buck, Brainerd Buley and Robert Parker of Hartford, George T. Landers of New Britain, Kent Hubbard of Middletown and Alexander H. Sibley of Detroit. The best man was Allen Talcott, a brother of the groom.

The bride was attired in ivory silk, trimmed with point lace, and carried bride's roses, while the bridesmaids wore white satin, trimmed with pale green. The only ornament worn by the bride was a diamond brooch presented to her by the groom.

After the ceremony a reception was tendered the couple at the bride's home on Main street. Fully one hundred persons from various sections of the state were present.

A NEW MILFORD TEACHER'S PERIL. Pursued While Returning From an Entertainment—The Wretch Arrested.

New Milford, June 20.—Miss Helen M. Hatch, a teacher in the public schools, while returning from an entertainment last evening was followed by William Brewster, a colored man. Becoming alarmed she ran, but Brewster pursued her until she reached the residence of Dr. J. B. Barker on Whittlessey avenue. She ran to the door and rang the bell, then fell in a swoon on the door step. There the physician found her. Brewster was arrested this morning, and he confessed. He served a term in Litchfield jail once for a similar offense. He is twenty-one years old, and unmarried.

No State Fair This Year. Meriden, June 20.—The Connecticut Agricultural society decided to-day to hold no fair this year.

It is now understood that the Meriden Agricultural society will hold a fair in September at the trotting park, to take the place of the state fair. The Wallingford society is to give one September 17 and 18.

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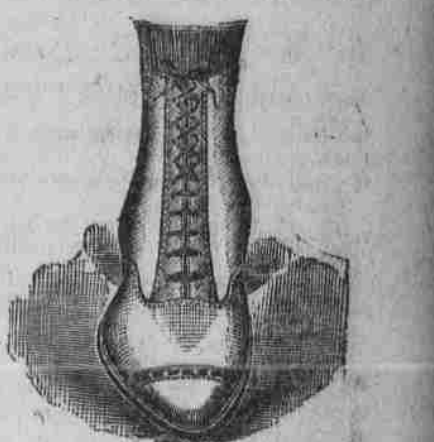
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25c to 40c Corded Piques. Just the stuff for Lawn Tennis Skirts, dresses, etc., at 12 1/2c yd.
Also 12 1/2c Fluttered Ducks in best of colors, at 9 1/2c yd.

Wednesday
We sell \$3.50 Black Crepons at \$1.99 yd.
And, by the way, don't forget crepons will be more fashionable next fall than they have been this spring.
\$1.50 Black Satin Duchesse, 27 inches wide, at \$1.00 yd.
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